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BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 515, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, with amendments.

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Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 114 public bills, H.R. 1865–1978; 1 private bill, H.R. 1979; and 22 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 93–99; and H. Res. 319–333 were introduced. **Pages H4518–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4524–26**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (H. Rept. 111–74). **Page H4518**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Bruce Frank, Biltmore Baptist Church, Arden, NC. **Page H4399**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 93, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 244 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 183. **Pages H4410–11**

Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act: The House passed H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, by a recorded vote of 298 yeas to 112 noes, Roll No. 187. **Pages H4412–15**

Rejected the Rogers (MI) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 169 yeas to 256 noes, Roll No. 186. **Page H4414**

Rejected:

Buyer amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–72) that was debated on Wednesday, April 1st that sought to create a Tobacco Harm Reduction Center under the Department of HHS to regulate all tobacco products and establishes a regulatory scheme to provide for tobacco prevention, education, and cessation pro-

grams (by a recorded vote of 142 yeas to 284 noes, Roll No. 185). **Pages H4412–13**

Pursuant to section 2 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 1256, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 1804, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1256; conform the title of H.R. 1256 to reflect the addition of H.R. 1804; assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment. Upon the addition of the text of H.R. 1804 to the engrossment of H.R. 1256, H.R. 1804 shall be laid on the table.

H. Res. 307, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Wednesday, April 1st.

Setting forth the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 85, to set forth the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 192. Consideration of the resolution began on Wednesday, April 1st.

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Rejected:

Woolsey amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–73) that sought to provide \$991 billion for non-military discretionary spending in FY10, \$469 billion above the President request; provide \$479 billion as sufficient defense spending level; and reduce the deficit by 58 percent by FY2012. Savings would come from eliminating Cold War era weapons systems, targeting waste, fraud, and abuse at the Pentagon, military redeployment and military contractors out of Iraq, repeal of Bush tax cuts for those making more than \$250,000 a year, crackdown on corporate welfare and reinstating a quarter-cent tax (0.25%) on all stock transactions. Spending increases would include health care

for all Americans, cutting poverty in half in 10 years, additional economic stimulus, increased foreign assistance, combating global warming and establishing energy independence, providing comprehensive education, and providing health care to veterans as an entitlement (by a recorded vote of 84 ayes to 348 noes, Roll No. 188); **Pages H4437–46**

Jordan amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–73) that sought to set spending levels, revenue levels, and deficit levels at lower amounts than what is projected by the CBO baseline or what is proposed in the President's budget request. The substitute would provide defense funding at the President's level and for non-defense discretionary spending, the substitute provides a hard freeze to non-defense discretionary spending, plus a 1 percent reduction to prior year spending levels, and also assumes other savings from reductions to lower-priority spending (by a recorded vote of 111 ayes to 322 noes, Roll No. 189);

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Lee (CA) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–73) that sought to build upon the investments made by the President's budget and the Majority's budget. However, the budget would build on these investments by immediately repealing the 2001 and 2003 Bush-era tax cuts that benefit the wealthiest Americans. The budget also would add a 0.565 percent surtax on adjustable gross income exceeding \$500,000 for individuals (\$1 million for joint filers). The budget would shift those savings and additional revenue towards Education, Health Care, Job Training, International Aid, Justice, Transportation, and Veterans, while still producing a 5 year deficit that is \$67 billion smaller than the Majority's budget (by a recorded vote of 113 ayes to 318 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 190); and **Pages H4460–69**

Ryan (WI) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–73) that sought to spend \$4.8 trillion less than the President's budget over 10 years; set spending levels which are 20.7 percent of GDP; freeze non-defense/non-veterans spending; borrow \$3.6 trillion less than the President's budget over 10 years; seek to hold debt to 65 percent of GDP; and put forward a long-term budget to bring debt under control. The substitute also sought to permanently extend 2001 and 2003 tax relief; permanently fix the Alternative Minimum Tax; create 2.1 million more jobs than the Democrats' budget; suspend capital gains taxes through 2010; and reduce the corporate tax rate to 25 percent from the current 35 percent. The amendment also sought to provide \$5 billion over the President's budget for Defense; \$540 million over the President's budget for Veterans; to save \$50 bil-

lion annually for war or unmet defense needs; and provide for health and retirement security by reforming programs to ensure they provide benefits for future beneficiaries (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 293 noes, Roll No. 191). **Pages H4469–87**

H. Res. 316, the rule providing for further consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 242 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 184, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H4401–02, H4411–12**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4411, H4411–12, H4412–13, H4414, H4414–15, H4446, H4459–60, H4469, H4486–87, H4487. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 11:02 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, April 6, 2009 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 93, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FOOD SAFETY SYSTEMS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Federal food safety systems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress, and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Missile Defense Agency Overview. Testimony was heard from LTG Patrick O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Immigration Enforcement and Citizenship Verification. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Michael Aytes, Acting Deputy Director, Citizenship and Immigration Services; David Venturella, Executive Director, Secure Communities, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Marcy Forman, Director, Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.